

We claim:

1. A floor lamp, comprising:
  - a pedestal;
  - a base having at least upper and lower parts, the base being attached at the lower part to the pedestal, and the ratio of the length of the base to the width of the pedestal being less than or equal to 6:1;
  - a housing attached to the upper part of the base and attachable to a light source for providing light therefrom; and
  - a container having at least an underside, the underside being attached to the housing, wherein the light from the light source in the housing can be directed to the underside of the container.
2. The floor lamp of claim 1, wherein the container includes at least two materials and the movement of at least one of the at least two materials inside the container is displayed when the light from the light source in the housing is applied to the container.
3. The floor lamp of claim 1, wherein the ratio of the cumulative length of the base, the housing, and the container to the width of the pedestal is less than 7:1.
4. The floor lamp of claim 1, wherein the ratio of the width of the base to the width of the pedestal is greater than 5:1.
5. The floor lamp of claim 1, wherein the light source includes a light bulb.
6. The floor lamp of claim 1, wherein the housing is integrally attached to the base.
7. The floor lamp of claim 1, wherein the pedestal is substantially circular in shape.
8. The floor lamp of claim 1, wherein the base is substantially frusto-conical in shape.

9. The floor lamp of claim 1, wherein the pedestal is configured to have a plurality of portions selectively displaceable relative to the base so as to modify the width of the pedestal and to increase stability of the floor lamp.

10. The floor lamp of claim 9, wherein the plurality of portions of the pedestal include multiple segments and base elements, each of the multiple segments having a generally T-shaped cross-section configured to have a foot and two shoulders, the base elements each being juxtaposed with an underside of the shoulders and slidably coupled therewith so that the base elements and the segments are slidable relative to one another.

11. The floor lamp of claim 10, further comprising a plurality of guiding elements including multiple mating formations formed between the base elements and the segments.

12. The floor lamp of claim 9, wherein the portions are selectively pivotal from a rest position, in which the portions are cumulatively configured so as to provide a substantially continuous outer periphery of the pedestal having a relatively small diameter, to an extended position, in which the pedestal has a relatively large diameter.

13. A floor lamp, comprising:

a pedestal;

a base having at least upper and lower parts, the base being attached at the lower part to the pedestal;

a liquid motion lamp container having a light source contained therein and attached at the upper parts of the base, wherein

the ratio of the length of the base to the width of the pedestal is less than or equal to 6:1.

14. The floor lamp of claim 13, wherein the ratio of the cumulative length of the base and the liquid motion lamp container to the width of the pedestal is less than or equal to 7:1.

15. The floor lamp of claim 13, wherein the pedestal is substantially circular in shape and the width of the pedestal includes the diameter of the pedestal.

16. The floor lamp of claim 13, wherein the base is substantially cylindrical in shape.

17. The floor lamp of claim 13, wherein the liquid motion lamp container is substantially cylindrical in shape.

18. A floor lamp, comprising:

a pedestal;

a base having at least upper and lower parts, the base being attached at the lower part to the pedestal, and the ratio of the length of the base to the width of the pedestal being less than or equal to 6:1, the upper part of the base being attachable to a light source for providing light therefrom; and

a container having at least an underside, the underside being attached to the upper part of the base,

wherein the light from the light source illuminates the container through the underside of the container.

19. The floor lamp of claim 18, wherein the container is transparent or translucent.

20. The floor of claim 18, wherein the pedestal has a plurality of portions displaceable relative to one another and to the base to modify a width of the pedestal.